THE INYO LIBRARY WORKERS

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The Library is resuming its monthly letter to the library workers in the county. Send us news of yourselves and your branch to include next month. What are you doing that is interesting? What delightful books have you just now? Independence has been enjoying "Kristin Lavransdatter", the Nobel prize novel by Sigrid Undset. "I was simply fascinated by it", said one reader. "You know it's very long, but I couldn't let it alone; I'd stir the pot with one hand and hold the book in the other. I read it morning noon, and night". "Black April", "Scarlet Sister Mary", and "Queen Cleopatra" are also passing briskly from hand to hand.

Mrs. Bessie T. Best, custodian of the Bishop Branch, will complete the summer course of the Riverside Library School August 16. She is working very hard and enjoying it greatly. We expect her to come back full of new enthusiam for her work, and of new ideas for us all.

Mrs V.V. Davis, custodian at Tecopa, says her neighbors are working at night and in the cool of the day, and resting during the heated hours, and they are needing more books than usual. She is passing a lonely summer while her husband is in the hospital.

Office work has been largely concerned with the annual report this month. It shows a net total of books, 23,814, of which 1429 were added this year. School essentials comprise nearly half of these, and children's books over one-third of the remaining. The adults were left 468 volumes, well divided between fiction and non-fiction. Biography, literature and education were the classes best represented. Books lent for home reading numbered 49,672, a gain of nearly 3000 over last year. Circulation by branches is given below;

	1927-28	1928-29	
Aberdeen	178	391	
Big Pine	9508	10560	
Bishop	16553	17374	
Cartago	420	410	
Darwin	323	863	
Death Valley	1137	681	
Haiwee	97	268	
Independence	8030	9028	
Lone Pine	7187	8515	
Manzanar	1560	82	(Lapsed)
Olancha	151	118	
Owenyo	568	428	
Power Plant	98	170	
Shoshone	262	215	
Tecopa	655	569	

Not all branches were were visited this year, but the needs of checking and exchange of books, of settling the Lone Pine Branch into its new building, and of attending to other matters in connection with the larger branches and schools, necessitated 57 visits by the librarian and her assistant. We hope that we shall see you all next year.

One of the most delightful phases of library work is the help one is able to give. Here at Independence we are now helping (not ourselves, but through our books) to plan parties and vacations, to build and furnish new homes; showing the way to better jobs, or to an advance in those they now have; to enjoy more fully a trip to Europe; to improve their mental and physical health-even to train the pup or the baby'. Yet nearly all the books we lend are not for such practical purposes, but rather for enjoyment, or in the case of serious reading, for general broadening and growth of the mind. What are your experiences in these lines?